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## PHASE ONE: REOPENING

A Statement from the Peekskill Business Improvement District on the Region's Re-opening.

Some good news for a change! Phase I businesses can start to open today. That includes curbside retail.

However, the governor's orders to allow 10 people to gather does NOT apply to businesses. Other businesses will be allowed to open in Phase II, III, and IV.

For more information, visit [www.discoverpeekskill.com](http://www.discoverpeekskill.com) and look under the COVID-19 tab.

As we begin to reopen Downtown Peekskill, please keep in mind that most of our local business owners and their staffs are awakening from the most challenging time they have ever experienced in their professional and personal lives. Their livelihoods were--and are--still dependent on what happens in the coming months.

There will be new rules, new procedures, and new policies in the coming weeks. There will be new ways to enter, new ways to pick up, new ways to pay. So many new things can be overwhelming, but it is what we have to do...for now.

As we start our recovery, we ask customers to be kind, considerate, patient, and respectful of the new policies put in place by businesses to keep you and their beloved employees safe and healthy. They are under enormous pressure to adhere to state guidelines while balancing the health and safety of customers and staff and trying to make ends meet. For now... Please wear a mask, stay six feet apart, and wash your hands frequently. With our continued, unprecedented and concerted efforts, we can move forward.

We ask that you patronize local, personally-owned businesses where ever possible. The big guys will survive; in fact, many big box stores and chains saw sales increase in the past three months while small businesses had to close.

We have shown resiliency in the face of the impossible. Let's have an inspired re-opening, one that when the next generation faces their own insurmountable challenge, they can look back on us and say, "they did it, so can we."

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay optimistic.

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